Attraction of Hindi films under Location-2003'

†1508. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the necessary steps taken by the Tourism Department to attract Hindi films under 'Location-2003';

(b) the reasons for undertaking shootings of films abroad by the producers and the directors of the Hindi films despite having so many beautiful locations in the country itself;

(c)The details of the policy adopted by his Ministry to give opportunity to such films on behalf of Government and to find solution to this problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) 'Location-2003' is an individual enterprise organized by Novel Event Works Company Ltd. (NEWCO).

(b) Department of Tourism has no role in the regulation of shooting of films. However, the selection of a particular location is the prerogative of the Producer and Director of a film and are not necessarily guided by the presence of beautiful locations within the country.

(c) and (d) Department of tourism has no role in the production or regulation of films. No policy has therefore been framed on the subject.

New tourist sites in Gujarat

1509. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new tourist sites have been identified in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocations made/proposed to be made for the development of these sites?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides funds for the identified projects in consultation with them every year. The following projects have been sanctioned by the Department of Tourism for the development of tourism in Gujarat in the last three years that is 2000-2001, 2001 -2002 and 2002-2003:

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Public toilet facilities at Bahacharjit	15.00
2.	Public toilet facilities at Khedbrahma	15.00
3.	Public Toilet Facilities at Mansar Talav, Viramgam	15.00
4.	Public toilet facilities at Palitana	15.00
5.	Public toilet facilities at Shamlaji	15.00
6.	Public toilet facilities at Champaner	15.00
7.	Public toilet Facilities at Virpur	15.00
8.	Construction of tourist centre at Radhapur	18.70
9.	Budget accommodation at Shammakhil Yani	20.00
10.	Budget accommodation at Morbi	20.00
11.	Wayside amenities at Prantj District	20.00
12.	Interpretation centre and beautification of Shiv Temple at Kera	23.83
13.	Interpretation centre and beautification of Navlakha Temple	26.05
14.	Refurbishment of monuments at Champaner visitor centre	28.50
15.	Interpretation centre and beautification of Modnera	32.64
16.	Rural Tourism Craft Centre at Sarsapur	32.84
17.	Integrated Development of Munsar Tank at Virmgam	41.64
18.	Upgradation/Refurbishment of Royal Orient Train	100.00

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
19.	HML at Mandvi Kutch	14.50
20.	Ethnic Saurashtranam Village at Anandpur, Navgram	27.00
21.	Wayside amenities at Vachau, Kutch	30.00
22.	Tourist facilities at Kaleshwari, Sabarkantha	36.00
23.	Tourist complex at Naryana Sarovar, Kutch	39.00
24.	TRC at Bhuj	39.00
25.	TRC at Ahmedabad	40.00
26.	Development of infrastructure at Udwada	97.27
27.	Development of Vadnagar	99.85

Besides, the Archaeological Survey of India has also been taken up works at several places in Gujarat in the year 2003-04, some of which are as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of Work/Monument	Amount Allocated
1.	Jami Masjid, Pavagadh, Distt. Godhra	4.00
2.	Rani Ki Vav, Patan	10.00
3.	Rao Lakha Chhatri, Bhuj Distt. Kutch	9.00
4.	Torana, Vadnagar, Mehsana	8.00
5.	Annual repairs to monuments of Gujarat	45.00
6.	Excavated site, Dholavira, Distt. Kutch	4.50
7.	ASI Complex at Dholavira Distt. Kutch	123.00

Retrieval of the Indian Cultural Property

1510. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of External Affairs to take steps to retrieve the Indian Cultural Property from other countries, especially from U.K.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and